

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1171–S1243

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 467–490, S. Res. 87–92, and S. Con. Res. 10. **Pages S1218–19**

Measures Passed:

Surface Transportation Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 662, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. **Pages S1202–04**

Death of Frank W. Buckles: Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, relating to the death of Frank W. Buckles, the longest surviving United States veteran of the First World War. **Pages S1240–41**

International Women's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 90, supporting the goals of “International Women's Day” and recognizing this year's centennial anniversary of International Women's Day. **Page S1241**

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 91, supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. **Pages S1241–42**

Payment of Legal Expenses of Senate Employees: Senate agreed to S. Res. 92, to authorize the payment of legal expenses of Senate employees out of the contingent fund of the Senate. **Page S1242**

Measures Considered:

Patent Reform Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 23, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1175–85, S1204–13**

Adopted:

Stabenow/Levin Amendment No. 126, to designate the satellite office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to be located in Detroit, Michigan as the “Elijah J. McCoy United States Patent and Trademark Office”. **Page S1183**

Whitehouse (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 142, to require the PTO to disclose the length of time between the commencement of each inter partes and post-grant review and the conclusion of that review. **Page S1206**

Rejected:

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 133, to strike the first inventor to file requirement. (By 87 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 31), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1175–83**

Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 114, to improve the bill. **Page S1175**

Bennet Amendment No. 116, to reduce the fee amounts paid by small entities requesting prioritized examination under Three-Track Examination. **Page S1175**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, March 7, 2011, following disposition of the nominations of James E. Shadid, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S1213**

Battaglia, Myerscough, and Shadid Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 7, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and James E. Shadid, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois; that there be one hour for debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the nomination of Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, be confirmed, and Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on the confirmation of the nominations of James E. Shadid, **D183**

of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations and Senate then resume legislative session. **Page S1242**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Daniel L. Shields III, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Pamela L. Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Eric G. Postel, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Sue Kathrine Brown, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Montenegro.

David Lee Carden, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S1242–S1243**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1239–40**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1240**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—31) **Page S1183**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Frank W. Buckles, in accordance with S. Res. 89, at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1243.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of Title VII of the "Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act", after receiving

testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Jill Harlan, Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, Illinois, on behalf of the Coalition for Derivatives End-Users; Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Chicago, Illinois; Larry Thompson, The Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation (DTCC), and Steven M. Bunkin, Goldman, Sachs and Co., both of New York, New York; and Michael Greenberger, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL AND THE OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol; and Tamara E. Chrisler, Executive Director, Office of Compliance.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army, Department of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Reed, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

USDA FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom